

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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HIGH POWERED COMMITTEE ON SUPER CYCLONE IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a high-powered committee set up by the Government after the Orissa Super Cyclone to formulate a comprehensive approach on disaster management has submitted its report;
- (b) if so, when the report was submitted; and
- (c) the main recommendations contained therein and the action taken/propose to be taken to implement the recommendations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (c) A High Powered Committee (HPC) on Disaster Management Plans was constituted in August, 1999 with the following terms of reference to :

- (i) review existing arrangements for preparedness and mitigation of natural and man-made disasters including industrial, nuclear, biological and chemical disasters.
- (ii) recommend measures for strengthening organisational structures, and
- (iii) recommend a comprehensive model plan for management of these disasters at the national, State and District levels.

The Committee has submitted two interim reports recommending adoption of a Model State Disaster Management Act, source book for district disaster management plan, networking of institutions, setting up of a National Fund for Human Resource Development etc.